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Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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Daily Highlights

- The New York Times reports the American International Group, one of the world's largest insurers, said on Wednesday, June 14, that a burglar stole computer equipment in March from one of its Midwest offices that contained personal information on 930,000 people. (See item [9](#))
- U.S. emergency rooms are understaffed, overwhelmed, and could not cope with a crisis, whether a pandemic, attack, or natural disaster, according to reports released on Wednesday, June 14. (See item [31](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *June 14, Associated Press* — **Japanese nuclear reactor shuts down.** The Japanese nuclear power plant Hermosa, located about 100 miles west of Tokyo, shut down automatically Thursday, June 15, because of a shaking turbine. Kyoto News agency reported that there was no release of radioactivity. Kyoto said "turbulence" in the turbine triggered the shutdown. The nuclear energy industry in Japan has been plagued by safety violations, reactor malfunctions, and accidents.

Source: http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/national/1104AP_Japan_Nuclear_Shutdown.html

2. *June 14, Los Angeles Times* — **Mexico cracks down on rigged gasoline pumps.** Nine in 10 gasoline stations in Mexico have rigged their pumps to dispense less than what their meters promise, according to federal authorities, who calculated that purloined petrol cost consumers at least \$1 billion last year. Random checks have revealed that the average retailer skims a little more than a liter of gasoline for every 20 sold. Profeco, the nation's chief consumer watchdog, has mounted surprise inspections, gathering evidence with the help of undercover agents armed with video cameras and vehicles outfitted with gas tanks that can be removed for lab analysis. About 900 stations, more than 10 percent of the nation's total, have been caught in the dragnet this year. Profeco is closing outlets and fining owners. It plans to post inspection results on the Internet to expose swindlers. It has launched a public relations campaign to urge motorists to report gasoline cheats. Station owners have been known to dilute their fuel with additives to stretch their profits, causing engine damage to clients down the road.
Source: <http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/world/14814370.htm?source=rss>
3. *June 14, BBC News* — **UK substation break-ins raise fears.** A rise in electricity substation break-ins has led to increased security measures and warnings that vandals are gambling with their lives. EDF Energy, which covers London, the East, and the South East, has had 24 incidents since April, 1 2006. Figures were up by about 50 percent compared with 2005. Some attacks included lorry ram-raids. Substations will now get second fences, cameras, and motion detectors, EDF said. All substations are already labeled with yellow danger signs and have basic boundary fencing and locks. Alan Feakins of EDF said, swipe cards, alarmed doors, and magnetic locks and bolts were included in security upgrade plans. He said: "Systems are being installed which are linked to a central control manned 24 hours a day...We believe now that the increase in attacks is probably because the vandals and thieves are becoming more organized."
Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/5081056.stm>
4. *June 14, San Antonio Business Journal* — **Explosion, fire hits Valero's Canadian refinery.** In what is proving to be Valero Energy Corp.'s third refinery fire in the last 30 days, the oil refining and marketing company said Wednesday, June 14, there was an explosion in one of the units at the Jean Gaulin refinery in Quebec, Canada. Workers reported the fire earlier Wednesday at the 215,000 barrel-per-day Ultramar Inc. refinery. The fire was quickly contained. No injuries were reported and employees since have returned to work. The company is still assessing the extent of the damage to its facilities. The cause of the fire and the explosion is still being investigated. The unit had been closed for a major shutdown at the refinery that had been taking place over the last two months for maintenance. The fire had begun while restarting the unit, although investigators are still uncertain why. There is no impact to production. The startup schedule is not expected to be delayed. Valero also experienced two separate fires in May at its 250,000 barrel-per-day St. Charles, LA, refinery and 340,000 barrel-per-day Corpus Christi, TX, refinery.
Source: <http://sanantonio.bizjournals.com/sanantonio/stories/2006/06/12/daily23.html>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

5. *June 15, Chemical Safety Board* — **CSB issues Safety Bulletin on explosions at Praxair St. Louis.** The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) issued a safety bulletin Thursday, June 15, following the agency's investigation into the June 24, 2005, fire and explosions that swept through the Praxair Distribution, Inc., gas cylinder filling and distribution center in St. Louis, MO. The accident occurred when gas released by a pressure relief valve on a propylene cylinder ignited. The investigation determined that the pressure relief set points, specified in industry standards, are too low for propylene and may allow the gas to begin venting during hot weather—well below the pressures that could damage the cylinders. Not only are the specified set points too low for propylene, the CSB found some valves begin releasing gas even before the pressure reaches the set point. Each time a pressure relief valve opens, its performance deteriorates – making it more likely to vent gas at too low a pressure in the future. CSB lead investigator Robert Hall said, "The key lesson learned in our investigation is that the combination of high ambient temperatures and relief valves that open at too low a pressure increase the risk of catastrophic fires at these facilities."
- A Safety Video on the incident may be viewed and obtained by filling out an online form of request at <http://www.csb.gov>.
- Safety Bulletin: http://www.csb.gov/completed_investigations/docs/CSBPraxairSafetyBulletin.pdf
- Source: http://www.csb.gov/index.cfm?folder=news_releases&page=news&NEWS_ID=296
6. *June 15, Pioneer Press (MN)* — **Chemical accident prompts evacuation.** Several blocks of a light-industrial area in Burnsville, MN, were evacuated Wednesday evening, June 14, after two chemicals reacted in a building and caused a small explosion and fire. No one was injured in the incident. A contractor at the building mixed several chemicals that caused a reaction that created a white cloud and led to a small flash explosion and fire, said Burnsville police Sgt. Dan Carlson. "The fire was contained within the building, and there was minimal damage," Carlson said. Three blocks to the north and west of the building were evacuated for several hours. The St. Paul Fire Department Hazardous Materials Team assisted in the operation. Six firefighters had to be decontaminated after working inside the building, Carlson said. Air and water samples taken at the scene indicated no threat to the general public, Carlson said.
- Source: [http://www.twincities.com/mld/twincities/news/local/14821030 .htm](http://www.twincities.com/mld/twincities/news/local/14821030.htm)
7. *June 15, The Star-Banner (FL)* — **Truck's acid leak closes part of truck stop.** Part of a truck stop in Reddick, FL, was evacuated Thursday, June 15, after technicians discovered a hydrofluoric acid spill on a truck they were repairing. The Marion County Fire-Rescue Hazmat team was suiting up in their heavy duty plastic yellow suits late morning at the truck stop off Interstate 75 in Reddick in preparations of accessing the situation and mopping up the spill with absorbents. Fire-Rescue spokesperson Heather Danenhower said the 18-wheeler truck was carrying drums of cleaning fluid for automated car washes en route from Indiana to Lakeland when the driver discovered problems with some of his lights. He pulled the truck to the Petro Lube garage for repairs at about 7 a.m., and technicians discovered the yellowish fluid on the passenger side of the truck, apparently from one of the drums in the trailer. The acid had also leaked in the bay and parking lot. The garage, which services as many as 75 trucks and rigs a day, was evacuated.
- Source: <http://www.ocala.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060615/NEW S/60615007>

8.

June 14, ABC7 (Chicago) — **Five seriously injured in fire.** Thick, black smoke poured from the Universal Form Clamp Company in Bellwood, IL, Wednesday morning. Officials said a chemical explosion ignited the blaze around 9 a.m. in the rear of the building. About 250 workers there were evacuated without incident, officials said. The factory makes cement products. "We can't say what started the fire. There was some type of explosion. There are chemicals in the area of the explosion that were set on fire after the explosion," said Public Information Officer Richard Blass from Bellwood. Seven people—two firefighters and five civilians—were transported to Loyola University Medical Center by ambulance, according to Blass. Fire crews concerned about a nearby chemical plant are spraying that building with foam as a precautionary measure. Hazmat crews were called to the scene just in case. "We couldn't extinguish the fire with water because of the chemicals. They are all hydrocarbon chemicals. We are trying to keep the chemicals cool and keep the tank cool so there weren't any additional explosions," said Blass.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=local&id=4269293>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report.

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Banking and Finance Sector

9. *June 15, New York Times* — **Insurer reports theft of data on 930,000.** The American International Group (AIG), one of the world's largest insurers, said Wednesday, June 14, that a burglar stole computer equipment in March from one of its Midwest offices that contained personal information on 930,000 people. Chris Winans of AIG said none of the information had been put to use in any way, as far as the company knows. The information was from employees of companies seeking corporate health insurance. Winans said the data had been on a computer server and protected by a password. It consisted of names and Social Security numbers, and, in some cases, fragments of medical information. Letters to the 930,000 are expected to go out in the next week. Winans said the burglar also took a laptop computer, a camera, and other computer equipment. He said the insurance company thought that the burglar's objective was to take the equipment and that he or she may not have known about the personal data.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2006/06/15/business/15data.html?_r=1&oref=slogin

10. *June 14, Star (South Africa)* — **Red alert as card scammers target South African banks.** Credit and debit card scams are threatening to spiral out of control as scammers continue to hit bank accounts countrywide. Banks admit that the problem is increasing, despite the introduction of sophisticated detection systems used to detect unusual spending behavior on cards. The most active fraud group is believed to be a Bulgarian syndicate that replicates South African credit and debit cards in their own country, where large withdrawals are then made. The card is copied using a hand-held skimming device. The PIN is either captured on camera or noted by an observant criminal, who relays the information. Alternatively, a magnetic-strip reader can be inserted into an ATM — usually one in a quiet area. South African Police Service

spokesperson Superintendent Ronnie Naidoo said: "We issue statements to the public to take certain precautions...We warn people that they should refrain from using ATMs in secluded areas."

Source: http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?from=rss_News&set_id=1&click_id=&art_id=vn20060614000227753C258787

11. *June 14, Websense Security Labs* — **Malicious Website / Malicious Code: New Web**

Attacker code at work. Websense Security Labs has received reports of a mass e-mail that is circulating that attempts to lure users to visit a malicious website which has exploit code on it. The e-mail claims to be a story about National Bank of Australia going bankrupt and lures users to visit a site to view the details. The site is using the latest version of the Web Attacker toolkit, which uses one of four different exploits, based on the browser the user is connecting with. Upon visiting the site, unpatched Windows machine will have a Trojan Horse installed onto the machine which includes a backdoor and several other components.

Web Attacker Toolkit: <http://www.websense.com/securitylabs/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=458>

Source: <http://www.websensesecuritylabs.com/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=520>

12. *June 14, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-06-866: Leadership Needed to Address Information Security Weaknesses and Privacy Issues (Testimony).**

The recent information security breach at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in which personal data on millions of veterans were compromised, has highlighted the importance of the department's security weaknesses, as well as the ability of federal agencies to protect personal information. Robust federal security programs are critically important to properly protect this information and the privacy of individuals. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) was asked to testify on VA's information security program, ways that agencies can prevent improper disclosures of personal information, and issues concerning notifications of privacy breaches. To ensure that security and privacy issues are adequately addressed, GAO has made recommendations previously to VA and other agencies on implementing federal privacy and security laws. In addition, GAO has previously testified that in considering security breach notification legislation, the Congress should consider setting specific reporting requirements for agencies.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d068666high.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/docsearch/repandtest.html>

13. *June 14, Finextra* — **Wells Fargo to roll out contactless Visa cards.** Wells Fargo says it will begin issuing contactless chip-based Visa credit cards to holders of its Visa Platinum and Signature credit cards in the second half of 2006. Cardholders can pay for purchases by holding their cards near a secure reader at checkout instead of swiping them or handing them to a cashier. Customers will not be required to provide a signature for most purchases under \$25, and contactless merchants will not have to provide a receipt for purchases under \$25 to cardholders. Brian Triplett, senior vice president of emerging product development at Visa, says more than 30,000 merchant locations in the U.S. now accept contactless payments.

Source: <http://finextra.com/fullstory.asp?id=15450>

14. *June 13, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation* — **Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation warns against phishing scam.** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Consumer Call Centers in Kansas City, Missouri, and Washington, DC, have begun receiving a large number of complaints by consumers who received an e-mail that has the appearance of being sent from

the FDIC. The e-mail informs the recipient that Department of Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge has advised the FDIC to suspend all deposit insurance on the recipient's bank account due to suspected violations of the USA PATRIOT Act. The e-mail further indicates that deposit insurance will be suspended until personal identity, including bank account information, can be verified.

Report similar attempts to obtain this information to the FDIC at alert@fdic.gov.

Source: <http://www.fdic.gov/news/news/SpecialAlert/2006/sa06163.html>

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

15. *June 15, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-06-855T: Intermodal Transportation: Challenges to and Potential Strategies for Developing Improved Intermodal Capabilities (Testimony)**. Mobility — that is, the movement of passengers and goods through the transportation system — is critical to the nation's economic vitality and the quality of life of its citizens. However, increasing passenger travel and freight movement has led to growing congestion in the nation's transportation system, and projections suggest that this trend is likely to continue. Increased congestion can have a number of negative economic and social effects, including wasting travelers' time and money, impeding efficient movement of freight, and degrading air quality. U.S. transportation policy has generally addressed these negative economic and social effects from the standpoint of individual transportation modes and local government involvement. However, there has been an increased focus on the development of intermodal transportation. Intermodal transportation refers to a system that connects the separate transportation modes—such as mass transit systems, roads, aviation, maritime, and railroads— and allows a passenger to complete a journey using more than one mode. This testimony today is based on the Government Accountability Office's prior work on intermodal transportation, especially intermodal ground connections to airports, and addresses (1) the challenges associated with developing and using intermodal capabilities and (2) potential strategies that could help public decision makers improve intermodal capabilities.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06855thigh.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-855T>

16. *June 15, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-06-448T: Coast Guard: Observations on Agency Performance, Operations, and Future Challenges (Testimony)**. The Coast Guard's fiscal year 2007 budget request totals \$8.4 billion, an increase of four percent (\$328 million) over the approved budget for fiscal year 2006 and a slowing of the agency's budget increases over the past two fiscal years. This testimony, which is based on both current and past Government Accountability Office work, synthesizes the results of these reviews as they pertain to the following: 1) meeting performance goals, 2) adjusting to added responsibilities, 3) acquiring new assets (especially the Deepwater program—to replace or upgrade cutters and aircraft, and the Rescue 21 program—to modernize rescue communications), and 4) meeting other future challenges.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06448thigh.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-448T>

17.

June 15, Department of Transportation — **Toll-free emergency numbers at highway-rail grade crossings expanded.** Toll-free emergency telephone numbers posted at highway-rail grade crossings used to report problems with warning equipment or other emergencies are effective in enhancing motorist and rail passenger safety and should be expanded to include more crossings, said Federal Railroad Administrator Joseph H. Boardman. A new report from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) finds that malfunctioning warning lights and gates at grade crossings have been repaired more quickly by railroads thanks to people using the telephone number, Boardman said. Also, freight and passenger trains have been slowed or stopped to prevent collisions with stalled vehicles, trespassers, and other obstructions on the tracks, he said. Over 75 percent of grade crossings with flashing lights and gates, and over 60 percent of all public grade crossings, have such an emergency number posted, according to Boardman. In addition, the FRA will provide the necessary operating software and work to identify possible start-up funding to encourage smaller freight railroads to join together and establish combined toll-free emergency call-in systems to cover grade crossings not part of any existing program.

Report: <http://www.fra.dot.gov/>

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/fra0506.htm>

18. *June 15, Associated Press* — **TSA underpaid for airline security fees.** The \$2.50 fee collected from airline passengers for each leg of their flights may not be ending up where it's supposed to — at the government agency in charge of airline security. The Department of Homeland Security's inspector general reported Wednesday, June 14, that airlines are underpaying the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) an estimated \$14.5 million every year in passenger security fees. The fees were imposed after the September 11 terror attacks, when the TSA was created to take over responsibility for airline security from the airlines. Passengers pay a maximum \$10 per round trip to help pay for security screening at airports. "TSA needs to provide closer oversight of the air carriers to ensure proper collection and remittance of passenger security fees," said the report, which was signed by Inspector General Richard Skinner. The agency agreed and said it will make sure the airlines are audited to make sure they pay what they owe. Another fee, which airlines pay the government to cover the costs of security infrastructure, weren't calculated fairly or accurately, according to the report.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2006-06-15-security-fees_x.htm

19. *June 15, Seattle Post-Intelligencer (WA)* — **Seattle ferry terminal evacuated at rush hour.** Colman Dock in Seattle, the state's busiest ferry terminal, was evacuated Wednesday evening, June 14, during rush hour as a precaution after a man apparently made a threat about being armed and police dogs indicated that they had found the scent of explosives in his vehicle. Ferry officials say the man sped by the tollbooth without paying at the Bainbridge Island ferry terminal and lined up to get on a Seattle-bound ferry. Because there were no nearby police officers, ferry workers let the boat go with the 51-year-old Tacoma man and his vehicle aboard, and alerted authorities to arrest the man in Seattle. When the ferry arrived at Colman Dock, State Patrol troopers eventually arrested the man, but after police dogs were brought in, there was concern that there may be some sort of explosive in the man's vehicle, possibly fireworks. To be safe, officials evacuated the dock and waited for the bomb squad, shutting ferry service down for about two hours. Arresting officers found fireworks in the man's vehicle but no other explosives or firearms.

Source: http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/local/274040_ferry15.html?source=rss

20. *June 15, Associated Press* — **Amtrak train derails in Norwalk, Connecticut stranding 236 passengers.** Part of an Amtrak locomotive pulling eight passenger cars derailed Wednesday, June 14, as it was switching tracks, stranding 236 passengers and forcing the shutdown of the Metro-North branch to Danbury, CT. The cause of the derailment was not immediately known. Amtrak and Metro-North officials were investigating. The derailment blocked access from Metro-North's New Haven line to the Danbury branch. The No. 93 train that derailed runs from Boston to Richmond, VA, every day, Amtrak spokesperson Cliff Black said.
Source: <http://news.newstimeslive.com/story.php?id=85858&category=Regional>

21. *June 14, Associated Press* — **Immigration raid at Dulles Airport.** Immigration officers have arrested 55 illegal immigrants who worked at a Dulles Airport construction site. Agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement conducted the raid early on Wednesday, June 14, as the immigrants were being bused to work. ICE says the workers were from Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Bolivia. Authorities say one of the illegal workers had an airport security badge that allows access to the airport tarmac without an escort, posing a threat to homeland security.
Source: http://www.wusatv9.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=50136

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Postal and Shipping Sector

22. *June 15, Dallas Morning News* — **Suspicious package at post office was fire extinguisher.** A package at a Garland, TX, post office that began making strange noises and smoking was a fire extinguisher, authorities said. Garland police spokesperson Joe Harn said the Garland police bomb squad was called to the U.S. Post Office after employees called police and said a package was making popping noises and emitting fumes. The bomb squad responded to the scene and a robot deployed to investigate the package determined it was a dry chemical fire extinguisher. The post office was evacuated shortly after the suspicious package was reported. Amanda McMurray, a U.S. postal inspector, said fire extinguishers can be sent through the mail but they have to be packaged properly and clearly marked. Since this one was not, the sender will be sent a warning to do so in the future, she said.
Source: <http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/city/garland/stories/061606dnmetpackage.8a91fc2e.html>

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Agriculture Sector

23. *June 15, USAgNet* — **Drought may impact cattle supplies.** Extremely dry conditions are causing anxiety among cattle producers in Nebraska and South Dakota. Many areas in western and central Nebraska are again facing severe drought. However, this year's drought is different from the previous ones and may force livestock producers to make some hard feeding decisions, Bruce Anderson, a forage specialist at the University of Nebraska, emphasized. Hay

is running between \$80 and \$100 a ton, so the economics of producers feeding their way out of drought have changed dramatically. Before, producers could find hay for \$30, \$40 or at most, \$60 per ton. Grain prices are also up. Anderson explained that this year's drought has affected Nebraska's pastures and crops much earlier than most other years. In central South Dakota, more cattle than usual are heading to sale barns. The Red River Farm Network reports that drought is forcing cow/calf producers to sell off some of their herds. Officials say a lack of pasture is also bringing a large run of feeder cattle to market.

Source: <http://www.usagnet.com/story-national.cfm?Id=1150&yr=2006>

24. *June 14, Stop Soybean Rust News* — Soybean rust found again on kudzu in Georgia.

Soybean rust is active again in a known–infected patch of kudzu in Miller, GA. Bob Kemerait, Extension specialist with the University of Georgia, found rust growing Wednesday, June 14, on both older growth and some of the newest growth kudzu in the site, which is under an old, abandoned home. He said that the disease spread from the older tissue was not extensive, but the rust did appear to have overwintered. On March 2, 2006, soybean rust was first identified on old and new growth in the same location. The find was the most recent rust find in the U.S., the first and only find in Miller County and the northern–most find in Georgia so far this year.

Source: <http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com/viewStory.asp?StoryID=849>

25. *June 14, Ukiah Daily Herald (CA)* — Proactive measures taken against Pierce's disease.

Medocino, CA, residents may have noticed objects hanging from trees around the city that aren't fruit. They're insect traps helping to prevent the spread of the glassy–winged sharpshooter. Glassy–winged sharpshooters are indigenous to the Southeast U.S., but have migrated west and have been in California since about 1990. Right now there are seven counties in Southern California that are infested with the insect but almost all counties in California are at risk. The glassy–winged sharpshooter vectors the pathogenic bacterium which causes Pierce's disease in grapes and leaf scorch of almonds and oleander, as well as diseases of many other crop and ornamental plants. Usually the disease travels through the vine then to the plant itself and eventually causes a need to completely replant the affected areas. But with the glassy–winged sharpshooter, it bypasses a portion of that process. Most of the preventative methods being used are insect traps, pesticides and inspections of ornamental and nursery shipments.

Source: http://www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/local/ci_3935926

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Food Sector

26. *June 14, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* — Cheese recalled. On May 18, 2006, Swiss–American, Inc. recalled cut pieces of Cahill's Farm Porter Cheese packaged in random–weight packages of 4.5–7 oz. because *Listeria monocytogenes* was discovered in sampled product. *Listeria monocytogenes* is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Swiss–American, Inc. has discovered two additional sell–by dates should be included in the recall. The cheese sold with these dates was sold in three retail stores in the greater St. Louis, MO, area. No illnesses have been reported to date. Swiss–American was informed that *Listeria monocytogenes* was found in the imported bulk product as part of routine

testing procedures.

Source: http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/swissamerican06_06.html

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Water Sector

27. *June 15, Associated Press* — **Hospital has Legionnaires' disease cases.** Ten cases of Legionnaires' disease have been diagnosed among patients and visitors at a San Antonio, TX, hospital, and health officials suspect the facility is the source of the outbreak. Among those diagnosed at North Central Baptist Hospital, three have died. But health officials said they already were ill and they didn't know how much of a factor Legionnaire's disease played in the deaths. Six have been treated and released. One remains in the hospital. The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District suspects all 10 people, five of whom were visitors to the hospital and five of whom were patients, acquired it at the hospital. Legionnaires' disease is caused by a bacterium most often found in sources of standing water. People can contract the disease by breathing vapor from a contaminated water source.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/15/AR2006061500002.html>

28. *June 13, Marshall Democrat-News (MO)* — **City's water treatment plant has problems.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has informed Marshall, MO, Municipal Utilities (MMU) officials that the city's water treatment plant does not appear to meet risk management standards. The MMU Environmental Services Director Ginny Ismay reported to the Board of Public works Wednesday, May 31, that the utility had received a letter from the EPA's Region VII office citing problems discovered during a November 2005 risk management inspection. Regarding the first concern, failure to meet security standards, the inspector noted such things as the height of the fence surrounding the plant and the fact that the 10 one-ton chlorine storage tanks can be seen from the road. The visibility of the storage tanks "makes this a very vulnerable target and security risk for those who mean harm," he said. The second concern refers to the facility's Emergency Action Plan, which he said does not appear to be in accordance with the federal Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002.

Source: <http://www.marshallnews.com/story/1156505.html>

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Public Health Sector

29. *June 15, Reuters* — **World Health Organization confirms bird flu death in Indonesia.** The World Health Organization (WHO) has confirmed an Indonesian girl who died last month was infected with bird flu, a health ministry official said on Thursday, June 15, bringing Indonesia's total confirmed bird flu deaths to 38. Samples from the 7-year-old girl from Pamulang, on the outskirts of Jakarta, were sent to a WHO laboratory in Hong Kong after local tests showed that she had tested positive for bird flu. Local tests are not considered definitive. A health ministry official had earlier said that two days before the girl died, her 10-year-old brother had also died after showing flu-like symptoms, but health officials did not manage to obtain his

samples. The family reported that a number of chickens near their house died before the children fell sick.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/15/AR2006061500216.html>

30. *June 14, BBC News* — **United Kingdom in grip of measles outbreak.** Numbers of measles cases in the United Kingdom (UK) have risen to their highest level in nearly 20 years, experts said. Surrey and Sussex could have up to 156 cases and South Yorkshire may have 180. Last year there were just 77 cases across England and Wales. The south east's health agency blames low uptake of the MMR vaccine. A boy's death from the disease in April was the first UK fatality in 14 years. The Surrey and Sussex Health Protection Agency said there had been 106 confirmed cases in the two counties with 50 more unconfirmed. In Doncaster alone there have been 100 reported cases, with as many as 80 further cases elsewhere in South Yorkshire.

Measles information: <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/diseases/measles/default.htm>

Source: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/5081286.stm

31. *June 14, Reuters* — **U.S. emergency rooms in crisis, reports find.** U.S. emergency rooms are understaffed, overwhelmed and could not cope with a crisis, whether a pandemic, attack or natural disaster, according to three reports released on Wednesday, June 14. Americans rely heavily on emergency departments and emergency medical services to save their lives when sudden illness or disaster strikes, yet these services are not properly funded and often do not live up to expectations, the reports from the Institute of Medicine found. The Institute, an independent body that advises the federal government on health matters, issued three reports on the fragile status of emergency care in the U.S. Some of the nation's emergency medical services are municipally managed, others are privately owned. Some are organized under fire departments, while others are operated by hospitals or other medical organizations and they all need to coordinate better, the panel said. Hospitals also have to stop diverting patients to the emergency room, get patients out of the ER and into hospital rooms so they do not clog up the system, and learn to communicate with one another better.

Institute of Medicine: <http://www.iom.edu/>

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N14234677.htm>

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Nothing to report.

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Emergency Services Sector

32. *June 15, Federal Times* — **Telework a critical tool for emergency preparedness.** Telework is no longer just a way to keep up with the private sector and create a flexible work environment for government employees; it's becoming a cornerstone of continuity of operations planning, or COOP. In fact, the two have become so intertwined that a new word—TeleCOOP—has entered the management vernacular as government looks toward telecommuting as a necessary

way to deal with disasters, particularly long-term emergencies like pandemic flu. Telework is a critical part of any disaster plan, said Robert Zitz, deputy undersecretary for preparedness at the Homeland Security Department. Members of the private and public sector gathered for a discussion about continuity of operations and the mobile work force at a June 6 event in Washington. Zitz cautioned that agencies must have information technology systems that are secure and integrated for telework to be an effective tool. Zitz said other barriers to telework include concern about making sure all services are covered if people work away from the office and training employees to work remotely.

Source: <http://federaltimes.com/index.php?S=1861134>

33. *June 15, Asbury Park Press (NJ)* — Mock Hazmat helps prepare responders for real thing.

By 10:09 a.m. June 4, four Hazmat specialists entered Middletown High School in Middletown, NJ. The drill was held and designed to better prepare all agencies for both intentional and unintentional incidents, said Andy Spears of Middletown, the public information officer for the Fire Department. Andrew Bane, a firefighter from the Brevent Park Fire Company in the Leonardo section of the township, was one of the responders at the event. Although the training is essential, he commented on the fact that the firefighters know the layout of the public buildings within the township. About a month ago, the firefighters heard about a house being torn down in Long Branch. Prior to the house being demolished, the firefighters had a smokehouse drill at the site. "We didn't know the layout of the house, so it was a good exercise for us," he said. He suggested that if anyone is having a house torn down, he or she should contact the Fire Department to help volunteers with their ongoing effort to conduct drills.

Source: <http://www.app.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060615/REPORTER08/606150330/1109>

34. *June 14, The Globe Gazette (IA)* — Drill focuses on disaster training. In an agriculture terrorism scenario in Belmond, IA, farm chemicals were stolen to create explosives that left 15 victims injured. Belmond Emergency Services coordinated the drill, pulling in different agencies such as Belmond police, ambulance and medical personnel, firefighters, and North Iowa groups that would be called to respond in such a situation. Emphasizing the training aspect of the exercise, Janet Rockow, of Belmond Emergency Services, said, "We are hoping after tonight we will have a better handle on our communication needs countywide during a disaster. This drill will give us a chance to see what works or doesn't work with our emergency plan."

Source: <http://www.globegazette.com/articles/2006/06/14/local/doc448f8cb4df91b280909650.txt>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

35. *June 14, Security Tracker* — Java Enterprise System (JES) Network Security Services (NSS) memory leak lets remote users deny service. A vulnerability was reported in Java Enterprise System (JES) when Network Security Services (NSS) is installed. A remote user can cause denial of service conditions. The Network Security Services (NSS) code will leak 256 bytes of memory per RSA cryptographic operation. A remote user can initiate a large number of cryptographic operations to cause the system to run out of memory and hang or panic.

Solution: No solution was available at the time of this entry. The vendor has described a workaround which involves removing some patches. The workaround is described in the Sun advisory, available at: <http://sunsolve.sun.com/search/document.do?assetkey=1-26-102461-1>
Source: <http://www.securitytracker.com/alerts/2006/Jun/1016294.html>

Internet Alert Dashboard

DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis

Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.

US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis: US-CERT is aware of a buffer overflow vulnerability in Symantec Client Security and Symantec Antivirus Corporate Edition. Successful exploitation may allow a remote, unauthenticated attacker to execute arbitrary code with SYSTEM privileges. We are not aware of any public exploits at this time. For more information please review the following:

VU#404910 – Symantec products vulnerable to buffer overflow:
<http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/4049100>

Symantec Advisory SYM06-010 – Symantec Client Security and Symantec AntiVirus Elevation of Privilege:
<http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/security/Content/2006.05.25.html>

US-CERT will advise as more information becomes available.

PHISHING SCAMS

US-CERT continues to receive reports of phishing scams that target online users and Federal government web sites. US-CERT encourages users to report phishing incidents based on the following guidelines:

Federal Agencies should report phishing incidents to US-CERT.
http://www.us-cert.gov/nav/report_phishing.html

Non-federal agencies and other users should report phishing incidents to Federal Trade Commissions OnGuard Online. <http://onguardonline.gov/phishing.html>

Current Port Attacks

Top 10 Target Ports	1026 (win-rpc), 6881 (bittorrent), 445 (microsoft-ds), 26777 (----), 25 (smtp), 32790 (----), 4672 (eMule), 80 (www), 135 (epmap), 113 (auth) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center
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To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov.

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Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

36. *June 15, Times Community Newspapers (VA)* — Repairs for dam in discussion. Residents living near Virginia's Burke's Royal Lake are invited to a public meeting on Tuesday, June 20, to learn how the lake's aging earthen dam will be rehabilitated. Last year, state engineers told Fairfax County, VA, officials that the 30-year-old dam — built by the federal government in the mid-1970s — did not meet current safety and design standards. And though chances are remote, engineers are concerned that torrential rains, such as from a hurricane, could cause a catastrophic failure of the dam, flooding nearby homes and roads. Federal and county officials are hoping to have a dam rehabilitation plan in place this September and start work sometime in 2007. Work on the dam will focus on its spillway. To shore up this area, it is being proposed that large concrete blocks be laid in it. Engineers also want to raise the dam's "training dikes," said Wade Biddix, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services, and redirect, with more concrete, the path of water from a potential dam breach away from nearby townhouses. The federal government will pay for 65 percent of the work, with the county paying for the rest.

Source: http://www.timescommunity.com/site/tab5.cfm?newsid=16796451&BRD=2553&PAG=461&dept_id=511694&rft=6

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General Sector

Nothing to report.

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